

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title : METHOD FOR PRODUCING PROBE CARRIER, APPARATUS  
FOR PRODUCING THE SAME AND METHOD FOR QUALITY  
ASSURANCE THEREFOR

Art Unit : 1637

Examiner : Teresa E. STRZELECKA

Docket No. : 1232-5570

Customer No. : 27123

**RESPONSE TO COMBINED RESTRICTION  
AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Office Action dated October 12, 2007, was a Restriction Requirement, which identified the following patentably distinct inventions among the pending claims:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Description</u>
I	Claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15 and 30-47, drawn to a method for producing a probe carrier.
II	Claims 9, 10, 16-29, and 10, drawn to a producing system.
III	Claims 13, 14, and 48-56, drawn to a probe carrier.



In response to this Restriction Requirement, this paper provisionally elects to pursue prosecution of Group I. At least claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15 and 39-47 are believed to be encompassed by that election.

In addition, the Office Action also required an election between the following species:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Description</u>
A	Probe information is a weight of the probe (claims 4, 32, and 41)
B	Probe information is a purity of the probe (claim 5, 33, 42)
C	Probe information is a base sequence information of a nucleic acid (claim 6, 34, 43).

In response, this paper provisionally elects to pursue prosecution of species B.

These elections are made without traverse.

Should the combined restriction and election requirements be made final, the right is expressly reserved to present any withdrawn claims in divisional application(s). In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate the examination of this application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

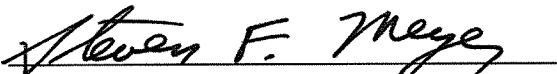


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THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE TIMELY CONSIDERATION OF THIS AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 AND 1.17, OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 13-4500, ORDER NO. 1232-5570.

Respectfully submitted,  
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